

March 2019

Orange County Calendar of Events

Daddy Daughter Prince & Princess Dance Mar. 1

Princesses are invited to have an exciting night out with their "Prince Charming". Activities include dinner, dancing, crafts and games. \$20.
6:30-8:30pm / Yorba Linda Community Center
714-961-7100 / www.yorbalindaca.gov

Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade Mar. 2

"Everyday Heroes" Entries in the popular event range from civic and veterans organizations to school bands, floats, vintage automobiles, and light-hearted novelty groups. The parade also honors citizens who have served the community and those who have served the nation in time of war or national emergency.
11am / Laguna Beach www.lagunabeachparade.org

GEMfest Mar. 2

For Middle school girls in grades 6 through 8! Become part of the Girls Empowerment Movement to make changes in your life, your school, your community and the world. Free snacks, a delicious lunch and a gift bag full of awesome swag.
9am-2pm / Sage Hill School, Newport Coast www.gemfestoc.com

Los Olivos Community Park Dedication Mar. 2

The event will showcase the new 12.5-acre park, which features lighted baseball and soccer fields, a lighted basketball court, four tennis courts, and a musical-themed playground inspired by the former Irvine Meadows Amphitheatre.
4-6pm / 101 Alfonso, Irvine www.cityofirvine.org

Parenting OC's Summer Opportunities Jamboree Mar. 2

Jamboree will have special guests, along with games and many new exhibitors featuring family travel destination spots, summer camps, and school information. The Aquarium of the Pacific will be in attendance with the acclaimed Aquarium on Wheels, and back by popular demand is the Bubble-Dash Games. Come on down for this fun-filled, free family event.
10am-3pm / Discovery Cube Science Center, Santa Ana
714-630-4510 x8 / www.parentingoc.com

Pacific Symphony: Lantern Festival Mar. 2

Takes place 15 days after the Lunar New Year and marks the return of spring, representing the reunion of family. Decorate your very own lantern, take in live music, try your hand at solving a riddle, take a Chinese folk dance lesson and more!
11am-5pm / Segerstrom Concert Hall, Costa Mesa
714-556-2787 / www.pacificsymphony.org

Festival of Whales Mar. 2-3 & 9-10

Celebrates the return of the once-endangered California Gray Whale. In addition to whale watching, the festival includes a kick-off parade, Sand

Sculpting, Ocean Awareness Day, musical entertainment, on-the-water Concert, Whale of a Block Party, Art Shows, Pancake Breakfast, BBQs, Kids Interpretive Crafts, Classic Car Exhibits, Lectures/Seminars at multiple venues including the Ocean Institute, Historic Walking Tours, Paddling Events, Sailing/Rowing/Kayak/SUP Demos, plus much more!
See website for schedule. / Dana Point Harbor
949-472-7888 / www.dpfestivalofwhales.com

German Style Carnival FASCHING Mar. 3

Families with children ages 4-17 are welcome to join an afternoon filled with activities, dances and games lead by teachers of GermanSchoolCampus.com.
3-6pm / Old World Village, Huntington Beach
714-895-8020 / www.oldworld.ws

Tustin Hangar Half Marathon & 5k Race Mar. 3

These races are designed to raise the maximum amount of funds for nonprofits and charities, while showcasing one of the most beautiful and historic cities in Southern California.
7am-12pm / The District at Tustin Legacy www.tustinhangarhalf.com

Hoag Classic Mar. 6-10

Each year, the tournament raises over \$1 million for Hoag and other local charities, totaling more than \$20 million in its history – making it the most philanthropic event on the PGA TOUR Champions. Additionally, it attracts a field of professional players that rivals any major championship in golf.
8am / Newport Beach Country Club www.hoagclassic.com

South County Pet Expo Mar. 9

This family and pet friendly event will feature rescue groups with many loving animals available for adoption, fun and exciting canine demonstrations, local vendors providing all manner of pet products and services, food trucks and giveaways.
10am-2pm / Lake Forest Sports Park
949-858-1000 / www.adoptocpets.org/events

La Habra Races Mar. 9

Includes a 5K race for all ages, as well as a 1K Kiddy Run (ages 6-9 yrs.) and a 50-Yard Diaper Dash (ages 3-5 yrs.).
6-9am / La Habra Marketplace Shopping Center
562-383-4211 / www.lahabracity.com

Kite Party Mar. 9-10

Kite fliers connecting face to face with people who they may not otherwise have the opportunity to connect with. Kite Party is about socializing with people we have known for years, and meeting people new people.
Huntington Beach Pier www.kiteparty.com

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Surfin' Sundays Concert Series Mar. 9-10

Enjoy shopping from local vendors on Saturdays and live music on Sundays throughout the Summer. Pier Plaza concerts are from 11am-5:30pm. Vendors will be in Pier Plaza all day, from 8am-5pm during the summer.
8am-5:30pm / Huntington Beach Pier Plaza www.surfingmuseum.org

Cherry Blossom Festival Mar. 15-17

A FREE day of fun for the whole family filled with Japanese food, music, dance, cultural performances, and games and crafts for the kids. This festival is in support of the over 30 year student exchange relationship Huntington Beach shares with their sister city of Anjo, Japan.
Huntington Central Park www.hbcbfest.com

El Presidente Ball Mar. 16

Journey back to the late 1800s of early California and let the Fiesta Association show you how "the West was fun" at this western style dinner dance. Enjoy some great food and old-fashioned fun while dancing under the stars (weather permitting) to live country-western style music.
6-10pm / El Adobe de Capistrano, SJC
949-493-1976 / www.swallowsparade.com

Multicultural Fair at Sage Hill School Mar. 16

Taste home-cooked delicacies from virtually every nation represented at Sage Hill; enjoy non-stop musical and dance performances; bid on tantalizing baskets of themed goodies; browse the ethnic bazaar; and plenty of entertainment.
11am-4pm / Wilkins Town Square, Newport Coast
949-219-0100 / www.sagehillschool.org

Kids Night Out-Spring Break Party Mar. 16

Spring Break brings plenty of opportunities for students to play outdoors. A light snack will be provided.
2-5pm / Stanton Central Park <http://ci.stanton.ca.us>

Newport-Mesa Spirit Run Mar. 17

Twelve racing events plus a 5k Family Walk and Toddler Trot. In between races, participants and spectators enjoy the Youth & Fitness Expo is located adjacent to the start/finish area in Edward's Big Newport. A fun family expo showcases products and services of community businesses. Bungee jumping, rock climbing, a skate park, massage, running footwear and apparel, shopping, and more.
6am / Fashion Island, Newport Beach www.nmspiritrun.org

Saint Joseph's Day at the Mission Mar. 19

Live mariachi music, community presentations, Special Guest "Swallows Speakers", Mission Basilica School performances, ringing of the historic bells and History of St. Joseph's Day and Swallows Legend.
9am-3pm / Mission San Juan Capistrano www.missionsjc.com

Swallows Day Fiesta Grande Mar. 20

Best Dressed Old West Man, Best Dressed Old West Woman, Best Belt Buckle, and the Hairiest Man (best moustache and/or beard). There is a \$5 entry fee per category for each contestant entered. For the more timid, spectators are always welcome at the hilarious Fiesta Grandé.
6-9pm / Swallow's Inn, SJC www.swallowsparade.com

Swallows Day Parade & Mercado Mar. 23

The nation's largest non-motorized parade. The Mercado is a Street Fair and Market Place where you can eat, drink, and shop. Listen and dance to the music of The Working Cowboy Band, a traditional country music band.
11am / Downtown San Juan Capistrano
949-493-1976 / www.swallowsparade.com

Huntington Beachcruisers Meet Mar. 23

A popular gathering of beach cruising vehicles manufactured through 1972, featuring nomads, woodies, VW Transporters, convertibles, steel wagons and other beach cruisin' vehicles of the era. Vehicles will be on display throughout the weekend along Main Street and in Pier Plaza.
8am-4pm / Downtown Huntington Beach www.hbcruisers.com

Mad Hatter Children's Tea Party Mar. 23

Guests will be treated to a delicious lunch and sweet treats, take part in a photo op with tea party characters and enjoy fun games and crafts. Tickets are \$10 per person; complimentary for children under 12 months.
11am-2pm / Lago Santa Margarita Beach Club www.samlarc.org

Birthday Bash Mar. 24

Exciting plans are in progress for LOCA's biggest fundraising celebration to date. The public is invited to enjoy amazing food and wines, interactive art activities and art auctions.
4-7pm / Neighborhood Congregational Church-Bridge Hall, Laguna Beach
949-363-4700 / www.locarts.org

CRY OC - Holi By The Sea Mar. 24

Bring color to a Child's Life! Celebrate HOLI - The Festival of Colors! with Child Rights & You America, Inc. - Orange County, and ensure a brighter and more colorful future for children everywhere. Be ready to get very colorful and enjoy Amazing Bollywood music by Fusion Sounds!
11am-3pm / Bolsa Chica State Beach www.cryamerica.org

Swing for the Sea Lions Mar. 25

Benefiting Pacific Marine Mammal Center. 18 holes of golf on the Jack Nicklaus-designed course, lunch provided by Chick-Fil-A, beverages provided by Laguna Beach Beer Company, Tito's Handmade Vodka and more, a buffet dinner and contest opportunities. The helicopter golf ball drop, silent auction, dinner and awards ceremony follow at 5pm.
12-7pm / Aliso Viejo Country Club <https://pmmcgolf.accelraising.com>

CrabFest 2019 Mar. 29

Hosted by the Huntington Beach Lions Club. Enjoy all you can eat salad, chowder, crab and shrimp! During the event there will be a silent auction, raffle and live auction. Fundraiser will benefit a number of local charities and organizations, including Off the Streets Huntington Beach, Therapeutic Riding Center of Huntington Beach and many others.
4-7pm / Huntington Beach Senior Center in Central Park
www.eventbrite.com

Jazz Festival 2019 Mar. 29-30

Friday Concert: Enjoy small bites from the best local restaurants. Mix and mingle while enjoying hosted bars, a silent auction and more. Saturday Jazz Gala: A four-course gala dinner presented by the Executive Chefs from Monarch Beach Resort, The Ranch at Laguna Beach, Montage Laguna Beach, and The Laguna Cliffs Marriott.
Ocean Institute, Dana Point www.ocean-institute.org

Laguna Niguel Senior Games Mar. 30-31

Soccer, basketball, bocce ball, billiards, pickleball and table tennis. Opening Ceremony: March 29 at 6pm at Sea Country Senior and Community Center.
949-425-5151 / www.cityoflagunaniguel.org

Glitterfest Mar. 31

his event features a collection of creative folks who express their talent through mixed media art. It includes handmade jewelry, sculpture, primitive dolls, paper whimsy and more!
10am-3pm / Spring Field Conference Center, Fullerton
714-573-1025 / www.glitterfest.com